

PATENT APPLICATION FEE DETERMINATION RECORD
Effective January 1, 2003

Application or Docket Number

09553738

CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

	(Column 1)	(Column 2)
TOTAL CLAIMS		
FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
TOTAL CHARGEABLE CLAIMS	26 minus 20 =	*
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	3 minus 3 =	*
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT <input type="checkbox"/>		

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

1/9/04

	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)
AMENDMENT A	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
Total	7	20	-
Independent	2	3	-
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM <input type="checkbox"/>			

SMALL ENTITY TYPE ☐

OR OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY TOTAL CLAIMS

RATE	FEE	RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE	375.00	BASIC FEE	750.00
X\$ 9=		X\$18=	
X42=		X84=	
+140=		+280=	
TOTAL		TOTAL	

SMALL ENTITY OR

OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X\$ 9=		X\$18=	
X42=		X84=	
TOTAL		TOTAL	

3/4/05

	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)
AMENDMENT B	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
Total	13	20	-
Independent	4	3	1
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM <input type="checkbox"/>			

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X\$ 9=		X\$18=	
X42=		X84=	
+140=		+280=	
TOTAL		TOTAL	

	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)
AMENDMENT C	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
Total			
Independent			
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM <input type="checkbox"/>			

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X\$ 9=		X\$18=	
X42=		X84=	
+140=		+280=	
TOTAL		TOTAL	

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TOTAL CLAIMS		
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TOTAL CHARGEABLE CLAIMS	17 minus 20 =	
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	2 minus 3 =	
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT <input type="checkbox"/>		

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

11/30/02

	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)
AMENDMENT A	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
Total	17	20	-
Independent	2	3	-
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM <input type="checkbox"/>			

SMALL ENTITY TYPE ☐

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RATE	FEE	RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE	375.00	BASIC FEE	750.00
X\$ 9=		X\$18=	
X42=		X84=	
+140=		+280=	
TOTAL		TOTAL	

SMALL ENTITY OR OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X\$ 9=		X\$18=	
X42=		X84=	
TOTAL		TOTAL	

6/19/02

	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)
AMENDMENT B	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
Total	17	20	-
Independent	2	3	-
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM <input type="checkbox"/>			

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X\$ 9=		X\$18=	
X42=		X84=	
+140=		+280=	
TOTAL		TOTAL	

7/5/02

	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)
AMENDMENT C	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
Total	17	20	-
Independent	2	3	-
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM <input type="checkbox"/>			

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X\$ 9=		X\$18=	
X42=		X84=	
+140=		+280=	
TOTAL		TOTAL	

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Effective December 29, 1999

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(Column 1)

(Column 2)

FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
BASIC FEE	1	
TOTAL CLAIMS	17 minus 20=	*
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	2 minus 3=	*
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT		

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

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(Column 1)

(Column 2)

(Column 3)

AMENDMENT A	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
Total	17	Minus	20	=
Independent	2	Minus	3	=
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM				

SMALL ENTITY

TYPE ☐

OR

OTHER THAN

SMALL ENTITY

RATE	FEE		RATE	FEE
	345.00	OR		690.00
X\$ 9=		OR	X\$18=	
X39=		OR	X78=	
+130=		OR	+260=	
TOTAL	345.00	OR	TOTAL	

SMALL ENTITY

OR

OTHER THAN

SMALL ENTITY

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE		RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X\$ 9=		OR	X\$18=	
X39=		OR	X78=	
+130=		OR	+260=	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		OR	TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

10/16/00

(Column 1)

(Column 2)

(Column 3)

AMENDMENT B	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
Total	17	Minus	20	=
Independent	2	Minus	3	=
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM				

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE		RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X\$ 9=		OR	X\$18=	
X39=		OR	X78=	
+130=		OR	+260=	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		OR	TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

1/7/02

(Column 1)

(Column 2)

(Column 3)

AMENDMENT C	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
Total	17	Minus	20	=
Independent	2	Minus	3	=
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM				

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE		RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X\$ 9=		OR	X\$18=	
X39=		OR	X78=	
+130=		OR	+260=	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		OR	TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

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Serial No.: 09/553,738
Filed: April 20, 2000 Customer No.: 28863
Examiner: Michael M. Thompson
Group Art Unit: 3763
Docket No.: 1064-015US05
Title: **STEERABLE MEDICAL PROBE WITH STYLETS**

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

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P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 4, 2004, please amend the application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

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deficiencies in the Brucker et al. reference. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 14-17, 19-22, 24-26 and 30 as being unpatentable over Brucker et al. in view of Cosens, et al.

New claim 31

New claim 31 recites a treatment device assembly for an endoscopic surgical instrument having a housing and being provided with a conduit comprising a needle having a radio frequency electrode with a hollow core and an insulating layer surrounding a portion of the electrode proximate a distal end of the needle, a cannula for slidably receiving said needle so as to guide said needle, wherein said cannula includes a curvable surface for deflecting said needle at an angle from a primary axis of said needle, a control mechanism for extending and retracting said needle, means for interlocking said assembly to the housing of said endoscopic surgical instrument so as to extend said needle and cannula through the conduit of said endoscopic surgical instrument, and a radio frequency generator for supplying RF energy to said electrode.

For the reasons discussed above with respect to claim 1, Applicant respectfully submits that new claim 31 is patentable over the references cited. Applicant respectfully requests allowance of new claim 31 and all pending claims.

Conclusion

All claims in this application are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt allowance of all pending claims. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 50-1778. The Examiner is invited to telephone the below-signed attorney to discuss this application.

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a one-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed November 4, 2004, said period of response being extended from February 4, 2005 to March 4, 2005.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-1778 the amount of \$120.00 to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

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